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NOAH ADAMS DIES FROM INJURIES INFLICTED BY BOY

Nephew, Age Fifteen, Uses a Shotgun With Deadly Effect.

Later:—Noah Adams is dead at Overda from shots fired by Grover Adams, his nephew. Grover was arrested Thursday morning after Noah died, and is now in jail at Louisa.

The following was written before the death occurred:—

Grover Adams, age about 15, shot Noah Adams Monday with a shotgun, and his condition is reported to be serious. The trouble occurred at the boy's home at Overda.

Noah is about 40 years old, a widower with three or four children. The boy is a son of John Adams and wife. He objected, it is said, to attentions being paid to his mother by Noah Adams and the shooting resulted from this.

An indictment was made by the last grand jury against Mrs. John Adams on account of the character of the house kept.

Lexington Chosen For Next Meeting Grand Chapter O. E. S.

Lexington was selected as the 1923 convention city of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, which will meet there on the fourth Tuesday in October next year, it was decided at the closing session of the order in Louisville last week.

Conventions of the order will alternate between Louisville and Lexington in the future, because the increased membership has made it too difficult for smaller towns to take care of such a large body of delegates. It was said in explanation of the decision. The Grand Chapter will bear all the expense of the convention.

Grand Chapter officers, elected Wednesday, were installed and the evening session was devoted to memorial services for Mrs. Anna O. Young of Ludlow, past grand matron, and W. B. Montgomery, past grand patron, who died last year.

The new grand matron, Mrs. Laura Gideon, made the following appointments:

Grand worthy chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Paro of Paducah; grand marshal, Mrs. Ruthie Haywood of Fulton; grand organist, Miss Gussie Litzendorf of Covington; grand Ada, Mrs. Edmonia Keller of Henderson; grand Ruth, Miss Ida Barnard of Ashland; grand father, Miss Marie Buchanan of Ludlow; grand Martha, Mrs. Gertie Minno of Big Clifty; grand Electa, Mrs. Ida Greathouse of Scottsville; grand warden, Mrs. Susie Owsley of St. Matthews; grand sentinel, Dr. W. F. Nichols of Munfordville.

W. Va. Grand Lodge Meets at Fairmont

Fairmont, Oct. 29.—Announcement was made this evening that arrangements have been completed for the annual meeting of the West Virginia Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and that the meeting will be held in Fairmont, November 15. It is anticipated there will be more than 1,500 delegates and visitors who will attend the state meeting.

Another at the same time will be that of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, which is to be held November 14, and it has been stated by local officials that William F. Kuhn, of Kansas City, Mo., grand high priest of the most excellent chapter of the United States will be one of the distinguished visitors.

BROTHER SHOTS BABY WHILE PLAYING WITH GUN

Logan, W. Va., Oct. 20.—Edna May Greenhill, three years old, was shot and probably fatally wounded by her 9-year-old brother while they were playing in their home on Fork Branch today. While their mother, Mrs. John Greenhill, was away the boy climbed up and took a pistol from the mantle and in some way it was discharged while he was playing with it. The bullet struck the girl over the left eye, inflicting a wound from which she probably cannot recover, it was said at the Logan hospital.

WOMAN IN FIGHT FOR CATLETTSBURG OFFICE

Ashland.—Three Republicans are making a strong fight for the postmastership at Catlettsburg, circulating petitions and getting letters of endorsement. They are Miss Lucy Jones, now employed in that office, who has been there sixteen years; James W. Burns, former county attorney of Boyd county, and Claude York, who was one time elected councilman in Catlettsburg when it was a Democratic stronghold.

OHIO RIVER VIEWS TO BE TAKEN FROM AIRPLANE

Cincinnati.—Photographs of the section along the Ohio river between Louisville, Ky., and Charleston, W. Va., will be made by a government photographer from an airplane. The photographs will be made for the engineering department, officials of which believe that they will be of more value than blue prints.

Accidental Death of Boy in Ashland

Hobart Castle, of Ashland, 16 years old, died as the result of an accident pistol wound in the thigh.

Young Castle had returned home from his work at the sheet mill on Thursday morning and had entered the dining room to eat breakfast. His step-brother, William Crisp, had been handling the revolver. It is said and had laid it on the edge of the table. Castle lifted a chair and set it up to the table, and in some manner, either he or the chair knocked against the pistol, discharging it. The bullet entered his thigh.

He was rushed to the hospital where an operation was performed, but the wound was of such serious nature that death resulted Friday morning.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Castle, three brothers, George, William and Elmer and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Crisp and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Castle.—Ind.-pendent.

Driller Badly Burned in Blaine Oil Field

Grover Lowe was severely burned while at work as a driller near Skazas this county, a few days ago. A vein of gas was struck sooner than was expected. A fire was going in the forge, where a bit had just been dressed. When the gas shot out of the well it caught fire and the flames set Lowe's clothing on fire. Other men present had a narrow escape. They gave assistance to Lowe and soon smothered out the flames, saving his life. But one arm was very badly burned. The rig was destroyed by the flames.

Lowe was employed by Ed. Lohman, who was drilling the well for Owens & Co.

LOT SALE IN LOUISA FRIDAY OF NEXT WEEK

The Freese - Thomas - Berry Homestead to be Offered at Auction.

The Bowman Realty Company of Huntington will conduct a public sale of lots in Louisa on Friday, November 10, at one o'clock. The property is that formerly owned by Capt. M. Freese and occupied by him and his family for a great many years. It was next owned by J. C. Thomas, who sold it to the present owner, M. G. Berry. It is located just off of Lock avenue and extends to the river.

Senator B. H. Harris was in Louisa this week arranging for the sale.

The property has been divided in 16 desirable city lots. On one of these lots, containing nearly an acre of land, stands the brick residence, a handsome home. While owned and occupied by J. C. Thomas he made extensive interior improvements, putting in hardwood floors and other modern features. It commands a most beautiful view of the Big Sandy river and is ideally situated for residence purposes.

It is a well known fact that lots desirably located inside the city limits of Louisa are extremely scarce. This fact has attracted the attention of the Bowman Realty Company. It is said Mr. Berry expects to go to Florida, after selling his property as his health has not been very good for some time.

Attention is called to a half-page announcement of the sale in this issue of the NEWS. Reference is made to Louisa as a school town and a timely suggestion is made to people who should locate in such a place to give their children the advantages of a good education. There is no more desirable small city for residence purposes than Louisa, which offers all modern conveniences at moderate cost. The paved streets add greatly to the comfort and pleasure of life here. Good roads are almost a realized fact. Health conditions are excellent.

Lots in Louisa make safe investment, with fine chances for large increase in values.

LITTLE BOY CUT BY A MOWING MACHINE

Billy, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woods, of Vessie, was cut on the leg by a mowing machine a few days ago. He was brought to Louisa immediately, and it was found that while the wound was quite severe, no serious results are expected. The little fellow ran in front of the mower while his father was driving the machine. He was remarkably fortunate in escaping without having his legs cut off.

MUSIC AND EXPRESSION.

Don't you want your children to become good readers? No education is satisfactory without this accomplishment. There are shamefully few good readers amongst the youth of this community. See Miss Alta Finley about it at once.

Also, start your children in her music classes piano and vocal. Give them the chance to learn music now.

NOTICE!

Regular meeting of Louisa Chapter No. 95, R. A. M. on Friday night of this week. All Companions are requested to be present. WORK. G. R. LEWIS, H. P.

MODERN BUILDING FOR HIGH SCHOOL GREATLY NEEDED

Time Has Arrived for Action on Most Important Matter Before Us.

The laws of Kentucky now require each county to have at least one high school maintained within its borders. It may be in connection with a city high school, the state paying tuition for all county pupils outside the city district who attend. Or, it may be a combined school in another way.

Louisa and Lawrence county are badly in need of a high school building. Having put off the construction of such a building about as long as possible we should now erect one that will be worthy of the cause. It should be modern in every particular, with the large amount of light now provided in all approved buildings for schools. Educators have at last awakened to the great importance of saving the eyes of the youth by giving them plenty of daylight for their school work.

Also, the ventilation of buildings is now receiving proper consideration the health of the children being at stake. Other features also that our children have not yet had the benefit of, are due them.

This city and county are amply able to erect a structure that will be a credit to them and a blessing to the children of this and the next generation. Nothing is too good for them that tends to enhance their chances for obtaining a good education and at the same time protect their eyes, promote their general health, and develop them mentally, morally and physically.

Wounded by Buckshot Man May Lose Eye

Ashland, Ky., Oct. 29.—Ballard Adkins, 28, recently a resident of Portsmouth, O., was brought to the King's Daughters hospital here at six o'clock tonight, horribly wounded from having stopped the contents of a gun loaded with buckshot and fired at close range. His right eye was destroyed and his body from the waist upward is peppered with buckshot. Unless complications develop it is believed he will recover.

Mystery surrounds the affair in which Adkins was shot. It is said to have taken place on Mud Fork of Whit creek in Greenup county, several miles below Ashland.

Adkins has told the authorities here that he was shot by a man named Ward who lived in Ohio. A second man who had been shot in the hand arrived at the hospital with Adkins, but after his wounds were dressed he disappeared and at a late hour tonight the authorities had not learned his name.

Adkins' wife and baby and his father reached the hospital tonight, in response to a telegram. They said he left his home in Portsmouth two weeks ago, announcing that he was coming to Ashland to get work. The first news they received after his departure was the word this evening that he had been shot.

An operation will be performed for the removal of the buckshot from Adkins' eye. Surgeons, however, say they have no hope of saving the sight.

NO ELECTION FOR TRUSTEE THIS YEAR

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 1.—No election for county school trustees will be held in Kentucky next Tuesday. Judge Ernest S. Clarke of the Court of Appeals today declined to overrule an injunction granted Nick Reid in the Bath Circuit Court, restraining County Clerk Cole Barnes from placing the names of candidates on the ballot. The term of one trustee in each county expires January 1. The act of 1922 providing for the election of trustees from districts beginning in 1923, repealed the old law, Judge Clarke said, and the law says that trustees are elected to serve until their successors qualify. Therefore the trustees whose terms would have expired in January are to serve another year.

TWO FROM HARLAN COUNTY KILLED AT R. R. CROSSING

Knoxville, Tenn.—Fred French and the infant daughter of Mrs. Cicero Howard, his sister-in-law, were killed instantly and Cicero Howard, his wife and Mrs. French were seriously injured at the Whittle Springs grade crossing of the Knoxville and Bristol railroad near here. All were from Lynch, Ky. The automobile in which they were riding was struck by the locomotive, and carried fifty yards on to a trestle where it dropped to the pike below, a mass of flames.

NAVY RECRUITS.

The Navy Recruiting Station at Ashland reports a very successful week. A total of seven recruits for the week were secured. Five of these being from the Big Sandy district. The recruits were all sent to the Navy Training Station at Hampton Roads, Virginia, to undergo their 3 months training preparatory to being detailed to the various ships of the Atlantic fleet.

Negro Killed by a C. & O. Freight Train

An unknown negro, about 40 years old, was killed by a C. & O. train Wednesday morning at Catalpa, 7 miles north of Louisa. Nobody witnessed the accident, but the man is supposed to have been killed by a coal train that passed just after daylight. The body was out in two and the legs were severed. There was nothing about the clothing or pockets by which he could be identified. His cap had "W. J." worked into it, which was the only mark that might lead to identification. He carried a small satchel, containing only two or three shirts.

The body was brought to Louisa, and after an inquest it was taken a few miles from here and buried on the railroad right of way.

Oil Worker Has a Hand Mashed Off

Harley Watkins lost his right hand while at work in the upper Blaine oil field last week. It was caught in the gear of a pumping engine and so badly mangled that amputation was necessary. The member was taken off at the wrist. Mr. Watkins was taken to a hospital at Paintsville.

His home is at Waverly, Ohio. He is 23 years old and had been in the employ of the Cumberland Petroleum Company for some time as a pumpman.

SAM WELLMAN, OF FORT GAY, DIES AT PORTSMOUTH

Sam Wellman, of Fort Gay, died in a hospital at Portsmouth, following an operation for appendicitis. The body was brought to Fort Gay Thursday afternoon for burial. He was about 40 years old and unmarried. He was a son of John Wellman. For a few weeks he had been living at Portsmouth.

END MINE STRIKE IN MINGO COUNTY

Tent Colonies Will be Folded is Announcement of Secretary Mooney.

Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 26.—The dove of industrial peace settled in West Virginia's Mingo county tonight, when the United Mine Workers of America, through R. B. White, international organizer, announced at Williamsburg the abandonment of the bituminous coal strike which has been in effect in the Williamson field since July 1, 1920. Mr. White's announcement was later confirmed by Fred Mooney, secretary-treasurer of the Union's district 17, at headquarters here.

Mr. Mooney said he was not aware of the reasons for the international board's abandonment of the Mingo strike but said he "presumed it was because of martial law and the opposition of state officials which made it impossible for us to win there."

When the strike was first called, Mr. Mooney said, between 3,500 and 3,700 men were called out, but added that "this number has dwindled considerably." The chief effect of the settlement, he continued, will be of allowing these men still out "to return to work in non-union mines and the tent colonies will be abandoned."

How many of these men will get work is problematical, according to the statement of George Bausewine, secretary of the Williamson Coal Operators' Association, who said the district was not getting the best of car supply. Under normal conditions, Bausewine explained, the field produced 150,000 tons a week, "and we have hardly known the strike was on as far as production was concerned. Our chief worry was about car supply. There is not a union operation in the field."

Martial law in Mingo county was lifted several days ago.

ELECTRIFYING TRACK ON N. & W. RAILROAD

It is a matter of five or six weeks only until the Norfolk & Western railroad will have completed the electrification of its line from Kimball to this city, says the Williamson, W. Va. News.

From here it is being carried on to Farm and south to Wilcox. A large force is at work on these extensions. When they are completed electric motors will replace steam locomotives for the handling of heavy trains between this place and Bluefield.

Work on the present extension was started in June, but was not pushed with vigor until the last five weeks. Railroad officials have not given out any information with respect to further extension of the electrification, if there is to be any.

Electrification of the Norfolk & Western road from Bluefield to Vivian was completed in the spring of 1915.

SCHOOL HEADS MEET IN FRANKFORT DEC. 15-16

City and county school superintendents will hold their annual midwinter meeting in Frankfort December 15-16. Superintendent Colvin will deliver the opening address.

MRS. O. P. CARTER DEAD.

Mrs. Margaret E. Carter, 73, died suddenly at Mt. Sterling. She is survived by her husband, O. P. Carter, and a son, Chester Carter, of Morgan county. The body was taken to her home at Liberty Road for interment.

Rivals Helen Keller



Willetta Huggins, 17 years old, of Wisconsin, although blind and deaf, can tell colors by smell and hear by touch. Her remarkable ability was discovered while sewing, when she told colors of materials by smelling them. She listens to concerts by touching her fingers to the telephone.

Ashland-Russell Hard Road Opened Last Sunday

Traffic estimated conservatively at no fewer than a thousand automobiles traversed the new Ashland-Russell hard road Sunday when it was thrown open to public use for the first time, says the Ashland Independent.

The contractors, Langhorne & Langhorne, felt that the road, while not completed, was in such shape that it could be used for the day to permit the people of the tri-state region to see just how far along the work had progressed. Probably as many as five thousand persons took advantage of the opened passage and viewed with pleasure the new highway that will connect Ironton, Russell and Greenup with Ashland, Catlettsburg and Huntington.

Much work is yet to be done before the road is ready to be opened "for keeps." Only grading has been done on each end of the road and some metal and tar has been placed on the middle portion.

A continual procession of cars passed over the road in both directions yesterday. Ashland and Catlettsburg were full of Ohio cars while Ironton saw many Kentucky and West Virginia people who traveled over the new road.

The traffic was such that collectors on the new bridge lost count before noon.

With the opening of the road next spring with the surfacing completed the road will be one of the most important highway connecting links in the tri-state region. The Greenup county portion of the road will be of macadam 20 feet wide between the Boyd county line and Russell. From Russell to Greenup it will be 18 feet wide, running by the Ashland race-track at Minnville.

The Boyd county portion, which is less than a mile, will be of brick.

Little Boy's Skull Fractured by Mule Kick

Leslie, four-year-old son of Robert Miller, of Charley, was kicked by a mule Tuesday and very badly injured. His skull was crushed. He was brought to Louisa and Dr. Burgess removed several pieces of the broken skull. The little fellow is now at Riverside hospital and is doing well. His recovery is expected. One calf of the mule's shoe made a cut just over one eye, but the worst injury was near the top of the head.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY WOMEN OF EASTERN STAR

Louisville.—Mrs. Effie McGuire, of Ashland was elected associate grand conductress of the Order of the Eastern Star. Other officers named were Mrs. Laura J. Gibson of Paducah, grand matron; H. S. McElroy of Lebanon, grand patron; Mrs. Lydia Nelson of Williamsburg, associate grand matron, and Walter Trinkle, associate grand patron. Mrs. Mamie Johnson of Lebanon, is grand conductress. Mrs. Sarah H. Terry of Clarkston, and Mrs. Minnie Romiser won the offices of grand secretary and grand treasurer, respectively.

KILLED BY FALL FROM BRIDGE.

John A. Davis, Jr., died in a hospital in Huntington Tuesday night from injuries received when he fell from a bridge at Shelby, Ky. He was walking across a bridge when his foot slipped and he fell, breaking his leg and receiving other injuries. The body was taken to Spartanburg, S. C., his home.

DAMS ON BIG SANDY ARE NOW COMING INTO USE

Shippers Finding the Slack-water Can be Used to Advantage.

The following letter from U. S. Engineer B. F. Thomas to Col. Jay H. Northrup is quite interesting because it shows that the Big Sandy pools are coming into use:

Huntington, Oct. 26, 1922.

My Dear Colonel:—On account of a badly damaged gate the pool above Chapman dam will not be in this season. The other pools are all right and both coal and oil are coming out by barge. In August 27,000 barrels oil and in September 20,000 barrels went out to the refinery at Leach station, near Catlettsburg, and there had been 21,000 barrels for October up to 24th. These barges draw 4 to 4 feet 6 inches and have had water every day this summer—haven't lost a single trip, so far as I have heard. Four small barges of coal went out into the Ohio only a few days ago, 350 tons in the four, loaded at Tabors creek and Ft. Gay, so I heard. Other barges have preceded them. The river has been a little scarce of water. The Ohio is even worse off in that regard but pool No. 1 has "run over" every day for 3 months or more, and the others above have not been real low except Chapman where the dam is not in.

With kindest regards, B. F. THOMAS.

There are great possibilities in this line. Co-operation of interests is necessary to the development of business but this should be taken up and worked out.

There is a good quality of workable coal all along both sides of the river. Counting the two forks and the main Big Sandy there is about 50 miles of large slackwater. This coal could be developed to a point where it would keep lines of barge transportation busy. It is a well known fact that water transportation is much cheaper than rail. Never was a better time to take advantage of this fact in getting the coal business started. Railroad freight rates will not be lowered materially for a long time, if we may be permitted to judge by conditions.

Before barges and boats will come into this trade, however, there must be assurance of enough business to justify the venture. This can be given by organization of enough coal operations. The difference in cost of transportation ought to give mines along the river a sufficient margin to offset the fact that the coal veins are not as thick as those farther up the river.

The fact is being demonstrated every day that the coal in this immediate vicinity can be mined profitably. At Fort Gay and Hubbardstown, W. Va., and at East Lynn and other points along the N. & W. wagon mines have been doing good business all this season. It is estimated that nearly \$100,000 worth of coal has been shipped this year from points along the river within seven miles of Louisa, all loaded from wagons, and all shipped by rail except the barges mentioned in Mr. Thomas' letter. Of course, this has been done on a market that is higher than normal. But for coal operations near enough the river to load economically into barges, the heavy expense of the present method of handling would be eliminated. With this expense saved, the coal will show a profit at average normal prices, with lower water transportation to add a margin.

Big Sandy river has been put to a severe test this season on one point that formerly was urged against the slackwater project. It is that of water supply. There seldom has been a season with as little rainfall as this, and yet, with the locks used more than ever before, the pools have remained full. This test should satisfy everybody on that point.

The use of the Big Sandy system has been practicable ever since the Ohio river dam just below Catlettsburg was put into operation. Previous to that it was impossible for boats to get out into the Ohio when it was low.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Henry Skaggs, 38, of Minford, O., to Mattie McKinster, 26, of Adams. James Robert Burton, 21, of Irad, to Marjorie Roberts, 17, of Adams. Elsiea Jobe, 27, of Oale, to Moxie Shannon, 22, of Madge. Burlin Oney, 29, of Russell, to Cleo Smith, 23, of Williamson, W. Va. Emory J. Fannin, 22, of Blaine, to Maude Ethel Sparks, 17, of Martha. Sherman Williams, 23, to Marguerite Pauley, 18, of Welch, W. Va. Ambrose Estep, 44, of Mattie, to Virgie Daniels, 21, of Ellen.

FISCAL COURT TO MEET.

The Lawrence Fiscal Court decided at its last regular term to meet the first Saturday in each month, so as to keep in closer touch with the county's affairs. The next meeting will be on Saturday of this week.

Notice to Taxpayers.

The tax books are now in my hands and I am ready to collect taxes. Office at Louisa will be open every day. Dates are being made for deputies at various places in the county, but they will be at each place only one day. J. W. YOUNG. Sheriff Lawrence County